

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Greene County

STIMULUS FUNDED SR 44 RESURFACING PROJECT WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN

GREENSBORO— Work on the \$2.3 million Greene County resurfacing project funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is scheduled to begin August 11, weather permitting, and to continue for approximately 90 days. The project includes over 11 miles of resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction on State Route 44, beginning at the Putnam County line and extending to US 278/ SR 12 in Greensboro.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is responsible for 70 percent of Georgia's \$932 million in highway system stimulus funds. The remaining 30 percent goes to the state's 15 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), which are funding projects directly from their respective allocations. The state also is receiving \$144 million in stimulus funds for public transit and is eligible for additional highway, rail and aviation grants from funds totaling \$12.1 billion.

The ARRA is a national effort to create jobs and transform America's economy to compete in the 21st century. Nationwide, some \$48 billion in stimulus investments are being made in transportation infrastructure, including highways, public transit, high speed rail and aviation. As noted previously, Georgia DOT has created a Web page (www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus) devoted to stimulus activities to provide specific program information and promote transparency of the process.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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